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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 17 May 1965

The current intelligence briefing included the [redacted] presence of 60 MIG's at Phuc Yen airfield in North Vietnam; early field read-out from TACKLE mission last Friday [redacted] recent Bloc statements re negotiations indicate no change in their stand; DCI reported briefly on conversation he had last night with Secretary McNamara on Gromyko's recent statements to the latter; Bien Hoa damage report, DCI noted that he had sent a message to Taylor and offered the full cooperation of the Agency. The DCI wanted it made clear that he will be looking to the officers who are present at the staff meeting in the morning to call him directly with suggestions on matters that they believe he should take action on, such as offering support in investigating the Bien Hoa incident. The DCI wants [redacted] to carry elucidation on what will happen if the miners in Bolivia carry out their threats. Kirkpatrick noted that we may again be faced with the kidnapping of Americans in Bolivia and [redacted] alert them to this eventuality. [redacted] there was a discussion of the recent DDI report on the popularity of various regimes in Latin America.

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Kirkpatrick noted that Kent is a trustee of the Agency Educational Aid Fund and he noted that scholarships had been granted as a result of the meetings on Friday and Saturday. He noted an informal request from a member of Governor Rockefeller's staff for an assessment of the political situation & stability relating to a possible month-long stay of the Governor in Venezuela this summer. He noted that it was planned to have a briefing for the DDCI and the DCI later this week on man power projections over the next five years. In this connection the DCI expressed his strong desire to know exactly what various offices in the Agency do.

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